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November 21, 2001

*Henry,*  
Dear Mr. Dean,

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 2001 regarding your decision to recommend that the District change its approach to addressing potential water quality issues in the development of Aquifer Storage and Recovery pilot wells. I appreciate your decision and thank you very much for your leadership on these issues. I believe that only by demonstrating the District's commitment to thorough scientific inquiry with respect to these and other technical issues will the public come to have confidence in future decisions to implement ASR on a wider scale. Generally speaking, I hope that your decision marks the beginning of an important shift in the public discourse about ASR in the Everglades. The decisions that we make in the course of Everglades restoration will be decisions that we ask our children and grandchildren to live with. It is therefore critical that the public have confidence that issues as important as ASR implementation will be thoroughly investigated without the taint of preconceived notion or political pressure.

I also appreciate your decision to recommend that the District not pursue the Palm Beach County demonstration project as a component of the ASR pilot program. I believe that Everglades restoration projects should, to the greatest extent possible, be kept within the rubric of CERP and the CERP authorization processes in order to ensure that such projects are developed in a way that fits into the overall programmatic goals of the CERP.

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Thank you again for your leadership on these issues. I look forward to working with you in any way that I might be helpful to continue to work through the public's concerns about ASR, to develop a contingency plan, and to look for opportunities for broad non-governmental scientific participation in the ASR pilot and implementation programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Estenoz', with a stylized, flowing script.

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